



NAUGATUCK PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Environment Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
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Dear Environment Committee;

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the Paint Stewardship Bill (Raised Bill 5122). Paint disposal is the largest hazardous waste expense for Connecticut municipalities, and the paint initiative can significantly reduce this cost as well as give residents an easy solution to leftover and excessive paint.

Product stewardship holds producers responsible for the end of life costs of managing their products. This bill will allow municipalities to work with the paint manufacturers to establish a safe and convenient disposal system. Encouraging a waste management system that relies on producer responsibility can reduce public costs, increase recycling rates, and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

The effort to establish a paint stewardship pilot program paint initiative is an effective way to mitigate the financial and environmental impacts of paint disposal and I ask you to add your support to Bill 5122.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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